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MARGINAL COLUMN

By BRATA SHAPIRO

"SHOULD there be elections now?" The answer to this question which has suddenly loomed large on the horizon is: No, there should not. But, by virtue of this country's political climate, elections may occur sooner and often than is good for the nation's peace of mind. The short history of this country since its independence is a record of far, that elections do not basically change its political geography. Although the population almost doubled between the elections for the Second and Third Knesset, the present Knesset varies from its predecessor only in detail. It is there were shifts, they were not in the general division of opinion but rather in the distribution of seats between parties and trends. Thus, the General Zionists and Agudat, who both profess similar aims, have swapped positions. The Labor Party, which has remained on the whole intact with only a slight decrease in seats, has become a minority. It is therefore probable that the next election will only change the political scene only to a minor extent. If Israel gains two or three seats it will be in a better bargaining position than it is today. A similar number of possible combinations of parties for a coalition depends, in some measure, on the size of the Labor Party. But there will be little possibility of one party forming a government without seeking the co-operation of at least a partner or two.

SINCE this is the political reality, there seems to be no logical point in keeping the nation in a constant state of election fever. Any election, however, is dangerous because it saps one's energies. The present crisis, incidentally, was itself a product of election fever. Party leaders have a stock of themes which they believe will provide good election slogans when the time comes. The topic of relations with Germany represents one item of this stock in trade. When the "secret mission" issue was mentioned in the Cabinet last month, both Mapam and Abud HaAvoda were anxious to make the best use of it. But while Mapam argued constitutionally in favor of the mission, Abud HaAvoda, probably because of its close relationship with Germany, was more ready to accept the mission as a military commander to circumvent a foe.

THE stark indifference with which the public greeted the crisis came as a general surprise. The reaction was tended to be that the crisis is ridiculous and that the whole situation can only be interpreted as a sign of weakness. If anything, this should serve as an indication to over-zealous politicians that the electorate is rather more steady-minded than some of its would-be leaders.

NO Israeli would forgo his right to express his opinion of the country's leadership once in a while in free elections. But to keep him in an unremitting state of anticipation is to render him and the country a signal disservice.

Russia Announces Sputniks Still Up

MOSCOW, Wednesday (UPI). — Russia broke official silence on Sputnik I tonight, saying it was still going strong despite reports here that it may have already disintegrated. The Soviet news agency TASS on Monday announced that the first earth satellite launched on October 4, was expected to enter the earth's atmosphere early January. Tonight, Radio Moscow, in its home service, said that both Sputniks were going strong. It said Sputnik I had completed 1,251 revolutions of the earth and Sputnik II 637 revolutions.

Czech President Warns Workers

PRAGUE, Wednesday (Reuters). — President Antonin Novotny today called for more self-restraint by Czechoslovak workers because there had been "manifestations of a kind which in no sense can be allowed to continue." He also complained of lack of economy by those entrusted with public funds, and added: "Some unhealthy signs warn us to increase our responsibility and control over the administration of public money and functions."

On the First Anniversary of the murder of Shimon Wig

The tombstone will be unveiled on Sunday, January 5, 1958 (evening 8:30 p.m.) at 11:30 a.m. at the Tel Aviv Cemetery.

RUSSIA MAKES ENTRANCE INTO AFRO-ASIAN GROUPING

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Afro-Asian conference which ended in Cairo today represents, in the view of diplomatic observers here, a major attempt by Russia to gain influence in Asia and Africa at the new year's start.

For the first time Russia has entered an Afro-Asian forum when the conference decided on a permanent secretariat with a Russian among the 10 secretaries. The body will include a general secretary nominated by Egypt. The secretariat will start functioning on March 1.

The conference was seen by observers as an Afro-Asian regional parity parallel to the Moscow pact between the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc. The resolutions, which it passed, harmonized with the general line adopted by Moscow on events in Asia and Africa. The resolutions condemned imperialism, colonialism and foreign bases and supported the Soviet call for an immediate and unconditional halt to nuclear tests.

Seeking Support
In this way it was believed Moscow hoped to line up public opinion behind it in Asia and Africa, particularly in the Middle East where Soviet policy during the last year started to play an active role. According to delegation lists available here, some countries had no representatives at all. Others, such as Jordan, were represented by political allies. The Moroccan and Ethiopian Governments dissociated themselves from the delegations from their countries while the conference was in progress.

Two of the leading members of the Lebanese delegation withdrew from the conference this morning, indicating their disagreement with the strongly pro-Communist tendency of the meeting. AYA has reported that they are Kamal Juhaila, the Druse Socialist Party leader, and Fuad Amoun, former Director-General of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry. Both are well-known opposition leaders.

U.S., Soviet Chiefs Exchange Wishes
GETTYSBURG, Wednesday (UPI). — President Eisenhower today sent a message to the leaders of the Soviet Union Medvedev, Khrushchev and Bulganin, wishing them "every effort towards world peace."

"I earnestly trust that the New Year will bring a firmer and better understanding between the citizens of the Soviet Union, the American people and those of other nations," the President declared. The occasion of Mr. Eisenhower's message was a cable he received last night through normal commercial channels from Mr. Kliment Voroshilov, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium; Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev, Secretary of the Communist Party.

The Russian message said: "On the eve of the New Year, we ask you, Mr. President, to accept personally and to transmit to the people of the U.S. best wishes from the people of the Soviet Union and from us personally. We hope that the forthcoming year will be a year of strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the peoples of the Soviet Union and of the U.S. a year when the great principles of peaceful co-existence, receiving ever greater international recognition, will become the basis of mutual relations between our states."

Forged Thumbprint On Insurance Cheques
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The proprietor of a private hospital in Magdidi was given a six month suspended sentence and fined £150 today for forging the thumbprint signature of a patient on two National Insurance cheques.

The accused, who collected the money £1230, from the Post Office Bank, subsequently turned it over to his proper owner. He had originally cashed it when the patient, an illiterate, had refused to "endorse" the cheques on the grounds that he was entitled to a much larger sum from the National Insurance Institute.

The prosecution pointed out that the accused's motive had been to supply the patient with a better diet but that he had no right to try to force the patient to take the insurance money.

30 DIE IN TRAIN CRASH IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Wednesday (Reuters). — Thirty people were killed and 85 injured in a train collision near Ambala, 200 kilometers north of Delhi, early today. Thick fog hampered rescue operations.

WARSAW, Wednesday (Reuters). — Six people were killed and two seriously injured outside Warsaw last night when a three-coach electric train was involved in a collision with the rear of another train.

WESTERN ENVOYS AT BUDAPEST PARTY

BUDAPEST, Wednesday (R). — Western diplomats today attended an Hungarian state reception for the first time since the 1956 revolution. It was given by President Istvan Dobi.

Japan, Canada, Panama Join Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (Reuters). — Japan today became a member of the Security Council a year and 25 days after her admission to the UN. The vote along with Canada and Panama, which were also elected for two-year terms at non-permanent members at the last Assembly.

Ben-Zvi Book Issued in U.S.

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — The Jewish Publication Society of America today published President Ben-Zvi's book "The Exodus and the Redemption," translated from the Hebrew "Mishel Yisrael." The book, written in 1953, had previously been translated into French and Spanish. The English translation is by Isaac Abboty. The book tells of Jewish communities in remote parts of the world and their struggles to survive.

Jordanians Wound Ein Gaddi Settler

A member of Ein Gaddi was wounded by Jordanian forces in the north of the Dead Sea shore settlement, the Army spokesman announced last night.

He fell from a cliff while escaping from his attackers and sustained further injuries. Members of the settlement succeeded yesterday morning in striking him and getting him to hospital.

The man was named as Kol Yisrael as Zev Reuben.

Revolt Breaks Out In Venezuela

THE HAGUE, Wednesday (Reuters). — A revolt has broken out in Caracas military base in Venezuela and President Marcos Jimenez is leading Government troops for an attack on the insurgent, the national radio station announced tonight.

The Government is preparing to "smother the Caracas revolution in blood," the national radio station said. The revolt was not merely that of the army, but was a question of the whole Venezuelan people getting rid of a dictatorship.

New York Radio said anti-aircraft guns had opened fire on jet planes flying over Caracas. The Venezuelan capital was under attack, it was reported. The official Venezuelan radio station later announced that one aircraft which flew over Caracas was shot down.

Mayday is 120 kilometers from Caracas. It appeared that the Caracas insurgents intended to bomb Caracas troops loyal to the Government, though no fighting was immediately reported.

The rebels' radio station today urged the population of Caracas and other big centres, especially students, to join the revolt and go into the streets.

It said: "Don't be impressed by lies. The whole Venezuelan Air Force and Navy have joined the liberation forces." (Venezuela, Wednesday, Page 2)

Indonesia Claims Revolt Crushed in West Guinea

JAKARTA, Wednesday (Reuters). — A group of army officers and civilians had tried to overthrow the regional Government of West Java, according to an Indonesian Army communiqué quoted by the East Dutch News Agency (RIA).

The communiqué, issued in Ambon, capital of traditionally pre-Dutch Moluccas, said the group was arrested on the grounds of attempting to "overthrow the local (regional) government in Moluccas and Irian Barat (West Irian)." The army communiqué said a heavy guard had been thrown around key places on Ramona Island after the attempted coup had failed.

Army headquarters here recently confirmed reports that crack commando troops had been flown to the island.

Central Negev Road Surfaced

The surfacing of the new short-cut on the Central Negev road to Eilat has been completed and will be opened to traffic on January 15, a Ministry of Labour spokesman announced yesterday in Beer-sheva.

Work on this 40 km. stretch of the road began last April. It is a bypass from 18 km. east of Be'er-sheva (kilometers 140 from Beer-sheva) to a point 80 kms. north of Eilat.

Ben-Gurion Accepts Mandate To Form Cabinet; Sets Terms

Eshkol Demands Bigger Export Effort to Overcome Deficit

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Mr. Levi Eshkol this evening called for "increased production but not for consumption, so that by saving we will be able to absorb the third million."

The Finance Minister was addressing the opening session of the sixth national convention of workers' delegations to productivity councils.

Mr. Eshkol declared that the main economic fact was that Israel had entered its tenth year with a deficit. "We are all receiving our food from foreign kitchens," he said. During the past decade we had consumed a serious portion of our natural resources, while less than half the population were productively employed.

He called for a serious export drive, fearing that the whole concept of productivity had not become deeply entrenched. "Increased production which goes only to local consumption brings little benefit," Mr. Eshkol stressed.

Reminding his audience that in the world market

Britain Awaits Mintoff's Move

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Colonial Office, bewildered by the Maltese Government's threat to cut the island's ties with the Motherland, is now following a "wait and see" policy.

The Governor of the island, Sir Robert Laycock, is flying here tomorrow for consultations. (Meanwhile, Sir Hugh Foot, the Governor of British Mauritius, is also in Malta.)

Reports from Malta indicated that the Prime Minister, Mr. Don Mintoff, expected some reply from the British Government to the motion approved by the Maltese Parliament on Monday to sever all "agreements and obligations" until the British Government guaranteed alternative work for Maltese employees sacked by the Navy dockyards there.

The official view here is that as Mr. Mintoff has not defined what he means by the word "sever," no action can be taken until he indicates his intentions by deeds or words.

The "Daily Mail" correspondent in Valletta quotes Mr. Mintoff as telling him that Britain will have to use force to stay on the island if it does not accept the motion.

Asked how he would defy the Colonial Office, Mr. Mintoff told the correspondent: "You will know some day when it starts."

The "News Chronicle" quotes the Maltese Prime Minister as saying: "We are prepared to renounce the whole constitution, and to abandon the British ties as the British have abandoned us."

Deep Snow Hampers Hillary

WELLINGTON, Wednesday (Reuters). — Snow is severely hampering Sir Edmund Hillary's dash to the South Pole, repeatedly bringing his party to a halt last night and forcing him to unload some of his supplies of food and material.

Sir Edmund himself told Scott Base this morning: "At one time it appeared as if the tractor train had reached the end of the road. The deep snow proved too much for the tractor and they bogged down again and again."

Sir Edmund, who was yesterday reported only 120 miles from the Pole after making a daily average of 40 miles, is now struggling against the deep snow and is expected to reach the Pole today.

TOMORROW in THE JERUSALEM POST

- 'Red and Black' Book-Keeping by W.E. Laqueur.
 - On Manoeuvres with The French. Leo Haiman tells the story of the first joint exercises the Israeli Navy held with foreign ships.
 - Helping Youth Fight Its Battles. Gerda Luft begins a series in which she describes the new problems of Youth Aliya.
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AT THE CINEMA

THOSE Halfites who are interested in studying a director's style can see, while Barmen's "Grand Rue" is still running, "Mort d'un Cyliste" (Orsh, Haifa), his second film.

"Mort d'un Cyliste" lacks the direct poverty in the manner of the denizens of neighbourhoods but love and laughter are not lacking. The high point of the story comes when Jacqueline is offered a job at a circus in a bull-baiting scene.

He loves his former profes-

the literary quality of "Grand Rue": Its plot is a melodrama of crime and conscience-stricken repentance, ending in a sort of divine justice. On the other hand, its level in terms of cinema art, one of which we have

is immensely higher. The story unfolds through the sharp, nervous, cutting, comparatively short sequences, always in movement, exciting and varied.

Uncle's pride is restored and boy and man take courage and laughingly

"More Fun Cyclists" is a director's film, taking its viewpoint even in the similarity of features between husband and lover made it difficult to get one's bearings during the first 10 minutes. "Make their way home. No short resume of the plot can give an idea of the vitality of the acting and the realism of the whole direction; the only advice can be: don't miss it, for a film of this

quality does not come too often to the screen. *A.W.*

straight to the denouement. H.

A Hatful of Drugs
"A HATFUL of Rain" (Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv) is another film about a drug ad-

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ANNON: Man of a Thousand Faces.
EDEN: The Rack.
ORGIL: Sweet Smell of Success.

dict but director Fred Zinnemann has presented it in a restrained and thoughtful manner, so that it is convincing as well as moving.

The drama is played out in the home of a young man who is a member of the ONIA: An Affair to Remember. RON: Never Were at a WAC. SENADAR: Tropen. ZION HALL: A King in New York.

TEL. ON: We Want a Child. TEL. ON: We Want a Child.

couple living in a vast housing project in New York. The young husband (Don Murray) is a war veteran who has acquired the drug habit as a result of hospital treatment. His present wife

STORY: Ted Wong Man.
STUDIO: Daddy Long Legs.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: Esther Costello.
ANNON DAVID: Fyama Gana.
CHEN: The Buster Keaton Story.

EDEN: The Last Lie.
 ETHEL: Julia.
 MAXIM: Les Sorcières de Salem.
 Mat.: Touches Pas Au Grisbi.
 NIGDALOR: It's Great to be Young.
 NOGRAM: L'Impasse del Sole.
 QENIN: I

Anthony (Franciosa) who helps with money and is in love with his sister-in-law and the incomprehending father (Lloyd Nolan) and there is the revolting bunch

MORPHINA PURVEYORS. The
 story proceeds logically and
 eventually husband Johnny
 confesses what he is up
 to, and his wife insists
 on his being sent to a state
 home for treatment.

LANTH: 3 Telegrammes,
 KAFON: A King is New York.
 HAIFA
 MONIAN: Somebody Up There
 Likes Me.
 FEER: MISS.
 ORION: Prisoner Valiant

The acting throughout is excellent, with Eva Marie Saint giving a particularly sensitive performance.

Movie Realism

It is well worthwhile making the trip to see this picture.

THE ACTING THROUGHOUT IS EXCELLENT, WITH EVA MARIE SAINT GIVING A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE PERFORMANCE.

AMPHITHEATRE: Day on a Dolphin.

ORAN: Mary d'un Cycliste.

GAL OR: Non in War.

ATTRACTIONS:

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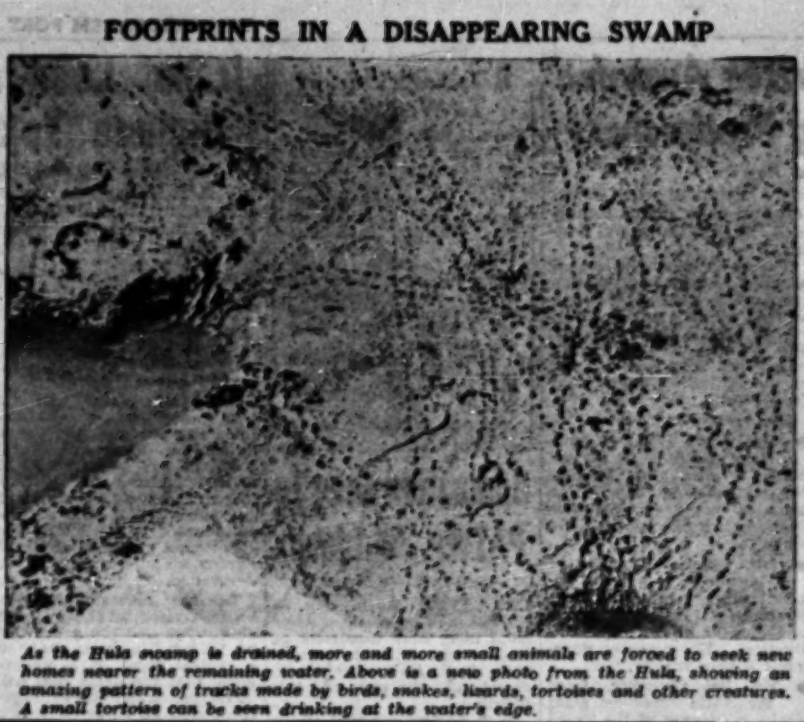
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Behind the Elections in Venezuela
An Honest Dictator
By J. HANCOCK FERGUSON
LONDON (OPNS). — VOTERS, including foreign residents, were invited in last week's Venezuelan elections to register a "Yes" or "No" vote, indicating whether they approved or disapproved of the job being done by the dictatorship of President Marcos Perez Jimenez, who has been in power since December 1952. The voters were given two cards, one in favour of the Government and the other not, and were encouraged to wave the latter on emerging if they had deposited the former. Understandably, most of them did just that. They were watched, after all, by Government agents, who would probably report them if they failed to display publicly their loyalty to the regime. In any case, there was little doubt in their voting "No" that they were not approving the job being done by the dictatorship. Finally, thanks to the riches accruing to the country's citizens from Venezuela's oil royalties, most of them had "never had it so good" as why should they upset the goose that had delivered it not laid, the gold, an egg?

Reasons for Poll
In the circumstances, it would seem difficult to understand why Colonel Perez bothered to call an election at all. He has declared quite frankly that politicians are a nuisance anyway, that electoral campaigns lead only to trouble and bad temper, and that people who are better off than ever before are not going to bother their heads about such matters (on this last point he may be over-optimistic). There are two principal reasons why he may have felt impelled to go through with what to the outside world must appear to be an electoral farce. The first is that Venezuela, even more than most Latin American countries, is politically and economically tied to the United States, which largely provides the technical requirements for the country's oil industry, from which Venezuela gets a 50 per cent cut.

The second reason has its roots in Latin American history. When Latin America rose against Spain in 1810—a revolt which began in Argentina and Venezuela almost simultaneously and spread throughout the continent—the leaders of the rebellion were for the most part republicans, inspired by the ideas of Rousseau and Voltaire, of Thomas Paine and Benjamin Franklin, of the French and North American Revolutions. They believed in the logic of democracy as opposed to the dogmatism of absolute monarchy. And ever since then they have tried to adhere to the forms of democratic government.



As the Hula swamp is drained, more and more small animals are forced to seek new homes nearer the remaining water. Above is a small photo from the Hula, showing an amazing pattern of tracks made by birds, snakes, lizards, tortoises and other creatures. A small tortoise can be seen drinking at the water's edge.

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THE fare-up in Malta over the proposed dismissal of the dockyard workers may seem a small matter to make a Parliament pass resolutions deciding to sever all ties with the British Commonwealth. But the problem must be viewed against the background of the situation in the island and in conjunction with the spirit moving in the world today in all countries which have a history of colonial rule.

The great increase in the world's wealth, particularly in Western countries, which is advertised to the backward lands day by day through all forms of trade, mass communication media and even entertainment, has whetted the appetites of peoples for similar lives. The underprivileged men and women of the world now want what they conceive as their share, without very clear ideas, most often, of how this apparently so biased state of wealth may be achieved. Their resentment is boundless against those who hold their economic fate in their hands and who would seem to deny them their rights if they do not at once install complete political emancipation. A century of deeply felt propaganda against colonialism has led the colonial peoples to believe that all their troubles will be magically solved with the gaining of political freedom.

The matter is being clearly revealed in Malta this week. It applies to Cyprus too; although there economic frustration is being overlaid by problems deriving from part of the population's wish to be joined to the ethnic mother country, and they have passed through the bitterness of a struggle moulded on the pattern hammered out here more than a decade ago.

FROM ACRE TO ACCRA
By LEO HEIMAN
IT is a very long way from Acre to Accra, and the fact that 30-year-old Captain Enrico Levy is making all the way at the personal invitation of Ghana's Prime Minister Nkrumah is an achievement to be added to many others in his record. A handsome, brooding man of few words, Enrico Levy was born in 1918 in Venice, into a well-to-do assimilated Jewish family. Graduating from Italy's famed Livorno Naval Academy, he was a junior officer in the Italian Merchant Marine when World War II broke out. All Jewish officers were sacked by the Italian Government under German pressure and Levy went to Switzerland to study engineering at Neuchâtel University.

In 1940, he got in touch with the British Intelligence Service and became a secret agent in Italy. Decorated for his daring exploits (about which he still refuses to speak) behind German lines, Levy joined the British Navy in 1943 and became commander of a naval tanker, bringing fuel to Allied invasion forces.

A chance meeting with one Major Saharoff of the Jewish Brigade (now Police Inspector-General Saharoff) changed Levy's entire outlook on life. Resigning from British service in 1945, he began to organize illegal Jewish immigration to Palestine from Italy, where he headed the "Alia" centre at Bari.

Nautical School
Levy's first nautical history when he sailed the first post-war "Alia Bet" ship, the old Delia, to Palestine's shores—without being caught by the Mandatory authorities. As a matter of fact, none of the ships he subsequently brought in through the multiple rings of British blockade was ever caught — or even noticed.

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Readers' Letters
MORE TAXES
Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In today's issue you report that local authorities are seeking to cover their ILLUM. deficit by introducing a special municipal income tax. As one of many embittered taxpayers I ask the government authorities how long we are supposed to endure the preposterous fact that we are the path of least resistance in covering the deficits of public bodies. We know very well the burden which we must bear. But we also know that every sort of bad management flourishes without proper control and that even where control and criticism are exercised, very little is done to remedy things. (See many items of the State Controller's reports.)

We pay — having no way out — whatever is levied on us. But our authorities should think more about where it leads to when citizens are so pressed without their having confidence that it is an absolute necessity.

ARAB REFUGEES
Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your readers may be interested in the following letter, a portion of which was published in the Letter Box of the "New York Times" of December 1.
"Your editorials describing conditions in the Arab refugee camps should stimulate all who are responsible for their continuance into immediate action."
"This problem can be readily solved by persuading Israel to permit all refugees to enter a State of Israel, together with all of the former areas of Palestine that these refugees now occupy."
The following paragraph was not included in the "New York Times":
"As part of an over-all peace programme for the entire Middle East, the refugees involved should be determined by a plebiscite, the state to which they and their respective areas should become annexed."
Yours etc.
SOL A. DANN, President Arab-Israel League for a Free United States of the Middle East
Detroit, Michigan, Dec. 18.

PEN FRIENDS
MISS JACKI SHLIT, 17, Black L.S. 1st Ave., Los Angeles, California, Hong Kong, is looking for pen friends. She is a Jew, and would like to make some friends here and abroad. She is a student and is looking for pen friends who are interested in the Middle East. She is a Jew, and would like to make some friends here and abroad. She is a student and is looking for pen friends who are interested in the Middle East.

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WALKING along a channel of the Zerkia River still edged with plenty of reeds, we saw a warbler sitting high up on top of a stalk, motionless, humming, himself in a brief burst of midday warmth on a day of thundershowers.

I would not take an oath on it, but I think he was the Reed warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus* — *Zemir sut kofani*). Warblers are a continual source of irritation to an amateur like this writer, for so many of them resemble each other, not only in plumage but also in habit and stance. There are no less than 22 species listed for our region, and though some of them are very easily identified, such as the Rufous warbler who, beside being here only as a summer breeder, is entirely different in colour and especially in stance — holding his tail high and hanging his wings slightly while hopping along the ground — those living near water are very similar. They are five, quite apart from the Rufous warbler, the Reed warbler named above, the Marsh warbler, and the Sedge warbler. The two last-named leave us in winter, however, so it could have been neither of them at this time of year. The three others look very much alike, being olive-brown on the upper parts, with a light eye-stripe, and off-white to buff on the under parts. Their behaviour is also similar — they skulk in the reeds, climbing up the stalks very cleverly, and all have rather snattering, raucous voices. The Clamorous one especially. They differ in size, the Great reed warbler being the largest, and the Marsh warbler I saw the smallest. However, if you see one alone, and at some distance, it is difficult to estimate size, P.A. amongst its members.

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The right to such claims is inheritable, heirs of deceased transferees being entitled to submit their claims supported by documents proving the losses and their rights of inheritance.

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Persons who are entitled to claim compensation for losses through transfer of capital should apply for the issuance of the above mentioned certificates to "Trust and Transfer Office Ha'avara Ltd." 49 Rehov Hayarakon, Tel Aviv.

Further detailed information concerning personal claims for compensation can be obtained from the explanatory pamphlet which has been published in Hebrew, Yiddish and German and which is available at all kiosks and newsstands.

Price: 50 pruta.
Remember! The final date for submitting claims in Germany is March 31, 1958.

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